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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FOURTH MEETING OF ICAO COMMITTEE ON
AIRCRAFT NOISE (CAN)

FOR US REP ICAO

REQUEST US REP TAKE FOLLOWING POSITION WITH RESPECT TO
COUNCIL ACTION ON C-WP/6011, INCLUDING ACTION UPON THE
SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION OF RETROFIT AND AIRCRAFT NOISE
IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN THE CAN IV AGENDA:

A. SUPPORT CONVENING FOURTH MEETING OF CAN FROM JANUARY
27 TO FEBRUARY 14, 1975.

B. SUPPORT AGENDA ATTACHED TO C-WP/6011 BUT SEEK IMMEDIATE
ADDITION OF RETROFIT TO THE AGENDA. RETROFIT OF CURRENT
NARROW-BODIED AIRCRAFT IS ONE OF CAN'S MAJOR ACTIVITIES,
AS IDENTIFIED IN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND SHOULD RECEIVE
A HIGH PRIORITY AT EACH MEETING, PARTICULARLY AT CAN IV.

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INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL FROM MANUFACTURING STATES,

REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF RETROFIT KITS, SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY CAN AND PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DECISIONS BY MEMBER STATES CONCERNING RETROFIT OF SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT TYPES. ADDITIONALLY, SUBSEQUENT TO LAST CAN MEETING, ONE MEMBER STATE,US,ISSUED NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (NPRM, PERTAINING TO RETROFIT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AIRCRAFT

OPERATED BY FOREIGN CARRIERS INTO US TO COMPLY WITH US NOISE STANDARDS. ANOTHER COUNTRY, JAPAN,HAS ALREADY ORDERED RETROFIT KITS FROM BOEING FOR ALL ITS 727, 737 AND 747 AIRCRAFT. STILL OTHER COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL RETROFIT RULES WHICH MAY ALSO BE APPLIED TO FOREIGN AIRCRAFT OPERATING INTO THEIR AIRPORTS. ICAO MIGHT BE CRITICIZED FOR NOT PROCEEDING WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED ON THE MATTER OF QUIETING EXISTING AIRCRAFT SHOULD CAN IV FAIL TO TAKE UP THE RETROFIT ISSUE.

C. SUPPORT ADDITION OF RETROFIT TO THE CAN IV AGENDA AT THIS TIME INSTEAD OF DEFERRING DECISION TO 83RD SESSION OF COUNCIL (LATE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1974). IF DECISION WERE NOT TAKEN UNTIL 83RD SESSION, IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR NECESSARY WORKING PAPERS TO BE PREPARED, CIRCULATED, TRANSLATED, ETC. IN TIME FOR CAN IV. MEMBERS OF CAN WORKING GROUP D INFORMALLY DISCUSSED RETROFIT DURING THEIR MAY 1974 MEETING AND THEY PLAN TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN IN OCTOBER.

D. RECOMMEND COUNCIL MODIFY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CAN TO INCLUDE AIRPORT NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT. AIRPORT NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS CONSIDERED MAJOR ELEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT NOISE PROBLEM. ICAO'S EFFORTS, INCLUDING PUBLICATION OF CIRCULAR 116-AN/86 ARE TO BE COMMENDED BUT ARE BADLY IN NEED OF UPDATING DESPITE RECENT (1974) ISSUE DATE OF CIRCULAR. WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS NOW BEING ADDRESSED TO AIRCRAFT NOISE ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING DECISIONS ON RETROFITTING OF EXISTING AIRCRAFT, VARIOUS ABATEMENT ALTERNATIVES OR OPTIONS NEED TO BE ANALYZED IN A CONSISTENT AND VALID MANNER. IN 1969, ICAO SPECIAL MEETING ON AIRCRAFT NOISE DEVELOPED GUIDELINES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED FOR CURRENCY BY CAN. IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE THEREFORE TO AMEND CAN'S TERMS OF REFERENCE TO INCLUDE THIS TASK WHICH WILL ENABLE THE ISSUE TO BE RAISED

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